

The "Broadcast" Flag, along with the threat of law of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, removes the public's fair-use of broadcast Television, therefore I am opposed to the forced addition of the broadcast flag.

Since the development of the Video Cassette Recorder, people have been able to "time-shift" television programs that are freely broadcast on the airwaves, or even to create their own personal archives of freely broadcast Television. The "broadcast" flag for digital Television will make devices such as VCRs, Digital VHS, DVD Recorders, and Tivo style PVR devices virtually useless for time shifting of content, or the permanent archiving of content that is FREELY distributed over the airwaves. Even content that is in the public domain could have the flag turned on, so you wouldn't be able to copy it.

The broadcast flag takes away fair-use freedoms from the public that they have previously enjoyed with analog Television.

Please don't take away our freedom.